

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): An installation ~~Installation~~ for coating objects, the installation ~~in particular vehicle bodies and parts thereof~~, comprising: a) a coating booth, in which at least one application device is arranged; b) a drying booth downstream of the coating booth; c) a plurality of skids each having a first skid runner and a second skid runner ~~two skid runners~~ which run parallel to the movement direction and each skid carrying at least one object to be coated; d) a skid-conveying system, on which the skid runners of the skids rest and which guides the skids through the coating booth and the drying booth, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ e) adjacent skids are movable into one another with their first skid runners and their second skid runners such that they partially overlap in the movement direction.

2. (currently amended): The installation of ~~Installation according to~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the skids have a supporting structure comprising: a) a supporting frame, of which the sides running parallel to the movement direction are formed by the two skid runners, the first skid runner projecting forwards beyond the supporting frame in the movement direction, while the second skid runner projects rearwards beyond the supporting frame counter to the movement direction; b) a front support, which is connected to the supporting frame and projects forwards beyond the supporting frame parallel to the first skid runner, but is at a distance from the first skid runner which is less than the distance between the two skid runners; c) a rear support, which is connected to the supporting frame and projects rearwards beyond the supporting frame parallel to the second skid runner, but is at a distance from the second skid runner which is less than the distance between the two skid runners.

3. (currently amended): The installation of ~~Installation according to~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ each skid has stops which define the extent to which adjacent skids are movable into another.

4. (currently amended): The installation of ~~Installation according to~~ claim 3, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ each skid has first stops, which define the extent to which adjacent skids carrying identical objects are movable into one another, and second stops, which define the extent to which adjacent skids carrying different objects are movable into one another.

5. (currently amended): The installation of ~~Installation according to~~ claim 4, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the second stops are formed by the skid runners and/or the supports.

6. (new): The installation of claim 1, wherein the objects include vehicle bodies and parts thereof.